

HOUSE RESOLUTION 78
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION To recognize Billy Ross Ballard on the occasion
of his retirement from Greenbrier High School.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding teachers who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Billy Ross Ballard is one such estimable educator who has served with probity for forty-one years as an Agriculture Teacher at Greenbrier High School and distinguished himself as a professional of the utmost dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Wholly committed to the benefits of education, Mr. Ballard earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and a master's degree from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Hired by Greenbrier High on July 20, 1960, he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and students alike for his unsurpassed diligence in his duties and devotion to his students' education and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as a leader in his field, Billy Ross Ballard has served as President of the Robertson County Teachers' Association and of the Robertson County

Agricultural Society; in 1973, he was the recipient of the Austin Peay Tennessee Teacher of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard is an active and important part of his community, participating in numerous civic organizations, including the Shriners, the Masons, and the Greenbrier Lions Club, of which he is a charter member; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Mr. Ballard is an active member of the First Baptist Church in Greenbrier, where he is an inspiration to many; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the highest ideals of family values, he is most thankful for the great love and companionship that he shares with Susan Marie Ballard, and he is the proud and devoted father of three children and grandfather of five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Billy Ross Ballard exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his estimable career, Mr. Ballard has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential; his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate enough to know him; and

WHEREAS, He truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Billy Ross Ballard our thanks for his laudable service to Tennessee's youth at Greenbrier High School and our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.